



# New Mexico Tribal Broadband News & Updates

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## NM Tribal Working Group (TWG) Meeting **January 31, 2024** 12:00pm, MT

TWG is committed to ensuring New Mexico tribes are actively part of the historic broadband initiatives that will enhance tribal communities' access to education, healthcare and economic development. You are invited to join the meetings.

### Agenda

- Margaret Merrill, Owner, Oso Internet Solutions: Navajo Nation ARPA Project
- Greg Guice, Chief Policy Officer at Vernonburg Group: [Broadband Optimization Tool](#)

### NM Tribal Broadband Working Group Meetings

- Every other Wednesday at 12:00pm, MT
- Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86256047626?pwd=MXdrVDJrdXFqVkNjVVVPc2U2aU1RQT09>

### Become a Member!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the [Tribal Working Group](#), please send an email to: [connectnmcouncil@state.nm.us](mailto:connectnmcouncil@state.nm.us). In the body of your email, please include a brief statement of interest, including your experience relating to the work group's mission. Also, let us know how best to contact you about the status of your membership request. The Council appreciates your interest!

# You are Invited to the Tribal Broadband Convening!

Inn of the Mountain Gods  
Ruidoso, New Mexico



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### February 28, 2024

8:30am to 4:30pm

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NM Office of Broadband Access & Expansion (OBAE)  
Connect NM Tribal Working Group (TWG)  
National Tribal Telecommunications Association (NTTA)

For more info, please contact: [stephine.poston@connect.nm.org](mailto:stephine.poston@connect.nm.org)  
(505) 379-6172

**Registration:** Connect with the QR code or

<https://connect.nm.gov/tribal-convening-2024.html>

**Inn of The Mountain Gods:**

1-800-545-9011 or [innofthemountain gods.com/](http://innofthemountain gods.com/)  
Room block Code: MATI (February 27 and 28 )  
Double Queen \$99.00, King Superior \$89.00



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The New Mexico Tribal Leaders Broadband Conference is part of a multi-year effort to support internet for all in rural New Mexico and for tribal members in New Mexico on behalf of the New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) and the Connect New Mexico Council.

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TBD (check back using the QR code)  
Lunch will be provided

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## Connect New Mexico Connecting Our Communities

Connect New Mexico is a community-driven and community-focused resource to gather and share benchmark data and support local and regional community efforts to plan, fund, and implement broadband initiatives that provide reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband for all in New Mexico.

They honor the many community organizations, agencies, and individuals working to support Broadband for New Mexico, and invite you to get involved.

### **Review the Tribal Broadband Task Force Paper**

### **Connect New Mexico Council Working Groups**

- Connect New Mexico Grant Program
- Digital Equity & Inclusion (Chair Eli Guinnee and Co-Chair Catherine Nicolau)
- Mapping, Data & Evaluation (Acting Chair Natalie Runyan)
- Regional Planning & Community Engagement (Acting Chair Jerry Smith and Council Representative Katherine Crociata)
- Tribal Working Group (Chair Godfrey Enjady and Co-Chair Stephine Poston)
- Permits, Poles, and Attachments (Chair: Ovidiu Viorica)
- Connect New Mexico Grant Program and Rule Making Working Group (Chair Kimball Sekaquaptewa and Lead Vanessa Willock)

If you are interested in becoming a member of any of these groups, e-mail: [connectnmcouncil@state.nm.us](mailto:connectnmcouncil@state.nm.us).

Check out their [website](#), and sign up for the [newsletter](#)!

## New Mexico Tribal Broadband

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